

REMARKS

In an Office Action dated 7 July 2004, the Examiner objected to Figure 2A and rejected claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,353,660 ("Burger et al."). Applicant responded to the Office Action and submitted a Rule 131 Declaration swearing behind the cited Burger et al reference in a response filed on 5 October 2004. In reviewing the Rule 131 Declaration, Applicant has discovered that it was unsigned at the time of filing. The enclosed properly executed copy is therefore submitted herewith to correct that defect. Applicant believes that claims 1-15 are allowable under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over the cited Burger et al. reference. The undersigned attorney requests Examiner Chang to telephone if a conversation could expedite the prosecution of this application. Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge any required payment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1848.

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